

**SYNOPSIS REPORT FOR OFFICER-INVOLVED DEATH OF VEHICLE OCCUPANT**

On Thursday, January 10, 2019, the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) received a request from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office (MTSO) to investigate an officer-involved death (OID) that occurred on County Highway (CTH) LS, approximately one-half mile north of Whitetail Lane in the Township of Centerville, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. A brief high speed pursuit with a suspect vehicle occurred. The pursuit ended when the suspect vehicle crashed. The crash resulted in the death of an occupant who had been ejected from inside the suspect vehicle. The officer-involved critical incident involved one (1) deputy employed by the MTSO.

On 01/10/2019, at approximately 1:16 a.m., MTSO Deputy (Dep.) Travis Aleff attempted to stop a vehicle (minivan) for suspicion of impaired driving. When Dep. Aleff activated the emergency lights of his assigned patrol vehicle, the suspect vehicle fled from Dep. Aleff and achieved high rates of speed. As Dep. Aleff pursued the suspect vehicle, the suspect vehicle went out of Dep. Aleff's view while negotiating a left-hand curve in the roadway. After Dep. Aleff negotiated the same curve, Dep. Aleff immediately came upon the scene of a crashed vehicle in the west ditch. The crashed vehicle was the same vehicle that Dep. Aleff had been pursuing. Upon approaching the scene, Dep. Aleff discovered an ejected occupant from inside the suspect vehicle. The occupant was deceased upon Dep. Aleff's arrival at the scene. Dep. Aleff assisted the operator and front seat passenger of the suspect vehicle until other first responders and emergency workers arrived on-scene. All three occupants from inside the suspect vehicle were identified as juveniles. The suspect vehicle had been taken without consent of the operator's parent's, earlier in the night. The two surviving occupants from inside the suspect vehicle were transported to a hospital after they were extricated. Both occupants were later released with non-life threatening injuries.

DCI Special Agent (S/A) Yerges was assigned as the lead case investigator and DCI S/A Jed Roffers was assigned as the secondary case investigator. The scene was documented with the assistance of the Wisconsin State Patrol (WSP), Technical Reconstruction Unit (TRU). DCI was also assisted by the MTSO, WSP, Manitowoc Fire Department, Cleveland Fire Department and the Manitowoc County Coroner's Office. Death notifications were made to the decedent's parents by the Sheboygan Police Department on 01/10/2019.

There were no other incident witnesses or victims identified during the investigation. A MTSO investigator interviewed the two surviving vehicle occupants after the crash. DCI special agents interviewed Dep. Aleff on 01/14/2019.

DCI collected one (1) law enforcement patrol vehicle (dash camera) video recording which partially depicted the incident. A DCI special agent examined the recording. No other evidence was collected or maintained by DCI.

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A decedent autopsy was performed at the Fond du Lac County Medical Examiner's Office on 01/10/2019 by Fond du Lac County Medical Examiner's Office, Deputy Medical Examiner, Dr. Adam Covach. The autopsy revealed the decedent died as a result of injuries sustained during the referenced vehicle crash.